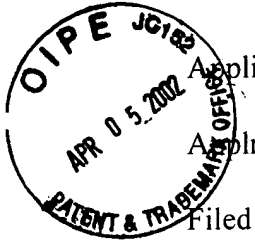


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Sir :

In accordance with the duty of disclosure under 37 C.F.R. §1.56, §1.97-1.98, applicants
hereby call the following documents to the Examiner's attention:

U.S. Patent No. 5,287,270 to HARDY et al., issued on February 15, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,325,290 to CAUFFMAN et al., issued on June 28, 1994;

U.S. Patent No. 5,943,656 to CROOKS et al., issued on August 24, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 5,982,864 to JAGADISH et al., issued on November 9, 1999;

U.S. Patent No. 6,058,170 to JAGADISH et al., issued on May 2, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,125,354 to MACFARLANE et al., issued on September 26, 2000;

U.S. Patent No. 6,282,552 to THOMPSON et al., issued on August 28, 2001; and

U.S. Patent No. 6,304,857 to HEINDEL et al., issued on October 16, 2001.

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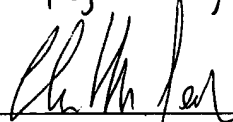
Additionally, applicants were informed that the billing pilot project 2 (BPP2), discussed in the specification, may have been patented in the early 1990's. However, after a reasonable search, applicants were not able to locate any patents directed to the BPP2.

Applicants respectfully request that the Examiner consider the above materials and cite the patent documents. Copies of the above-noted documents are attached and have been listed on a PTO-1449 Form which is also attached hereto. Accordingly, the Examiner is requested to initial the appropriate spaces on the attached PTO-1449 Form and to return a copy of the Form to applicants with the next official communication in the present application to confirm consideration of these documents.

Should the Examiner have any questions, the Examiner is invited to contact the undersigned at the below-listed telephone number.

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